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• Sxaminer: G. Nguyen for: Metal Single Layer Abrasive Cutting Tool Having A Contoured

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

This amendment is submitted in response to a Final Office Action mailed on March 3, 1997, in the above-captioned patent application. Claims 1-34 are pending in the application. Claims 2 and 27 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected species. Claims 1, 13, 28 and 30 stand rejected under 35 USC Section 102(b) over US Pat No 5, 018,276 to Asada ("Asada"). Claims 1, 3-26, and 28-34 stand rejected under 35 USC Section 103(a) over Asada, in view of US Pat No 5,215,072 to Scott ("Scott").

Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

In The Claims:

Please amend the following claims-

(twice amended) An abrasive cutting tool comprising: